## CLAIMS

- 1. Brushing device for brushing livestock, having an oblong brush that can be set in motion by a driving means, and having a carrying means for carrying the brush, the carrying means comprising at least one flexible element, characterized in that in the absence of a force acting externally upon it, the brush (2) has a substantially vertical orientation, and in that the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) of the carrying means, through a force acting externally upon it, permits a swivelling of the brush to a substantially horizontal orientation of said brush.
- 15 2. Brushing device according to claim 1, characterized in that the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) is oblong.
  - 3. Brushing device according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) is substantially tubular.
  - 4. Brushing device according to one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the at least one flexible element (10a, 10b) is a leaf spring or coil spring.

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- 5. Brushing device according to one of claims 1 4, characterized in that the driving means (6) is rigidly connected to the brush (2).
- 30 6. Brushing device according to one of claims 1 4, characterized in that the driving means (6) is connected to the brush (2) by way of a flexible connection (18).
- 7. Brushing device according to one of claims 1 6,
  35 characterized in that the driving means (6) is designed for rotating the brush (2) about its longitudinal axis.
  - 8. Brushing device according to one of claims 1 6, characterized in that the driving means (6) is designed for

moving the brush (2) substantially in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the brush (2).

9. Brushing device according to one of the preceding claims, characterized by a means (14, 10b) for drip-feeding a treatment agent from a place situated above the brush (2) onto the brush (2).